

[Partial letterhead]

Lake View House

R. J. Brown, Proprietor

Bolton –on-Lake George, N. Y. Jan. 22d 1855

Friend Coolidge

Tuesday being the first day that the ice was considered safe in the narrows, I started on that morning with one assistant & skated down there & I assure you I put in a good hard days [sic] work in getting my field notes for the enclosed map. The most northerly line across the fit was my trial line but as soon as I got upon the ridge I found that would strike the North end to Turtle Isld. You will see by the enclosed Photo that the Pt. is quite different in shape from the way it is laid down in the maps.

I make the area $10 \frac{28}{100}$ acres but this will likely shrink a little owing to irregular shores & also to rise of Lake which is now very low.

The lines (800ft. & 125 ft.) have not yet been located & will not be until I hear from you that they are satisfactory. It will only take about an hour to “run them in” when I go down to complete the survey of the lot. If you would like anything changed file ase? please let me know at once. I have pencilled [sic] an approximate triangle the base being 1545 ft. & the perpendicular 580 ft. Base x $\frac{1}{2}$ perp. area $10 \frac{28}{100}$ acres. The southern island is distant 100 ft. from shore – the other is not an island but a point but is connected by a very narrow neck.

Trusting that this will suit both Mr. Henry & Yourself I am

Truly yours

R J Brown

P.S. I can furnish you any number of copies of map by this photographic process. There seems to be room for a good many lost on east side but some cannot be over 200 ft. deep. RJB

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